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TO R E WHITNEY INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT
HERCULES INC. WILMINGTON DELAWARE

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SUBJECT: REPLY TO YOUR CABLE TO AMBASSADOR BYROADE

AMBASSADOR BYROADE IS PRESENTLY IN THE US. AFTER
AMBASSADOR TALKED WITH YOU IN ISLAMABAD ON MAY 8 HE HAD
OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AGAIN WITH PRIME MINISTER ABOUT YOUR
PROBLEMS ON MAY 17. EARLIER THAT SAME DAY HE ALSO SAW
FINANCE MINISTER AND MATTER OF YOUR TECHNICAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT CAME UP- THE MINISTER SAID THAT IN TERM OF
RESPONDING TO YOUR REQUEST FOR FURTHER REMITTANCES
UNDER THE AGREEMENT SOME TAX QUESTIONS HAD NECESSARILY TO
BE CLEARED UP TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING WAS IN ORDER. IT
APPEARED TO EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WHO WAS PRESENT
THAT PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN DOING THIS WAS
ESSENTIALLY A FORMALITY TO MAKE SURE OF THE LEGALITY OF THE
AGREEMENT. THIS HAD TO BE CLEARED UP BEFORE THE GOVERN-
MENT COULD SANCTION FURTHER REMITTANCES UNDER THE AGREEMENT.
LATER ON MAY 22 ECON COUNSELOR ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO
BRIEF MR. NAIM, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAS DESK, MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

AFTER EMBASSY RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM, ECONOMIC
COUNSELOR PHONED ROBERT PUGMIRE IN LAHORE ON MAY 28.
PUBMIRE SAID THAT HIS OFFICE HAD RECEIVED VARIOUS WRITTEN
INQUIRIES ABOUT THE KNOWHOW AND TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREE-
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MENTS FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE, STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN,

AND LOCAL TAX AUTHORITIES. HE REPLIED TO LAST OF THESE ON

MAY 28. HE BELIEVES THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT BEST
TACTIC IS TO WAIT AND SEE IF HIS ANSWERS SATISFY GOVERN-
MENT'S REQUIREMENTS.

ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ASKED PUGMIRE TO KEEP EMBASSY
INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND STATED THAT EMBASSY IS QUITE
WILLING TO APPROACH PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT AGAIN WHEN TIMING
FOR DOING SO SEEMS PROPITIOUS. PLEASE BE ASSURED
THAT EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS TO APPROPRIATE GOP
OFFICIALS IMPORTANCE OF AMICABLY RESOLVING HERCULES'
PROBLEMS IN PAKISTAN. BROWN

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